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## Michigan Small Grains Summary

Winter wheat producers throughout Michigan averaged a record yield of 81 bushels per acre this year, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan wheat was grown on 510,000 acres, with 475,000 acres harvested for grain. Wheat production was 38.5 million bushels, up 11 percent compared to 2014.

Winter Wheat planting finished slightly behind schedule in early November. The wheat went into dormancy late due to warmer weather, but this was largely good for the crop as it encouraged emergence and there was no snow cover. January and February saw colder temperatures but adequate snow cover. The wheat broke dormancy on schedule without significant winter damage. Wheat harvest finished on schedule in mid-August. The state saw a record average yield, but there were very high vomitoxin levels in some wheat due to heavy rainfall in June.

Michigan producers had an average oat yield of 67 bushels per acre, a decrease of 2 bushels from last year. 50,000 acres of oats were harvested, up 10,000 from 2014. Production was up 21 percent at 3.35 million bushels. Planting of oats in spring was somewhat delayed due to wet weather, but by the beginning of May, progress had jumped ahead of the 5-year average and was wrapped up by the end of May. Harvest, on the other hand, lagged the 5-year average all season, beginning in late July, and catching up to the 5-year average when harvest wrapped up at the end of the second week of September.

Barley yield for the 2015 crop year was 56 bushels per acre, an increase of 3 bushels from the previous year. 11,000 acres were dedicated to barley with 6,000 acres harvested for grain. While both yield and planted acres increased from 2014, a much lower percentage of the crop was harvested. As a result, barley production decreased 21 percent from 2014, for a total production of 336,000 bushels.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2013 - 2015

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Barley						
Planted .....1,000 acres	10	9	11	3,528	3,031	3,558
Harvested .....1,000 acres	9	8	6	3,040	2,497	3,109
Yield ..... Bushels	52.0	53.0	56.0	71.3	72.7	68.9
Production ..... 1,000 bu	468	424	336	216,745	181,542	214,297
Oats						
Planted .....1,000 acres	50	55	75	2,980	2,753	3,088
Harvested .....1,000 acres	30	40	50	1,009	1,035	1,276
Yield ..... Bushels	62.0	69.0	67.0	64.1	67.9	70.2
Production ..... 1,000 bu	1,860	2,760	3,350	64,642	70,232	89,535
Wheat, winter						
Planted .....1,000 acres	620	550	510	43,230	42,409	39,461
Harvested .....1,000 acres	590	470	475	32,650	32,299	32,257
Yield ..... Bushels	75.0	74.0	81.0	47.3	42.6	42.5
Production ..... 1,000 bu	44,250	34,780	38,475	1,542,902	1,377,216	1,370,188